Staff strength in Telephone Exchanges in Himachal Pradesh

†4996 : SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such telephone exchanges in rural and hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh where only one employee is working;

(b) whether Government propose to appoint additional staff for the convenience of the telephone subscribers;

(c) whether Government have received any representation for increasing staff strength in Jangla telephone exchange; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) :

(a) 512.

(b) Yes Sir, on need basis.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Against justification of one Telecom Mechanic, presently one Regular Mazdoor is posted. For posting of Telecom Mechanic, options from eligible officials have already been called.

Food items to BPL people under PDS

†4997. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of wheat, rice, sugar and edible oils supplied to the people living above/Below Poverty Line under the Public Distribution System during the last three years and the current year, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the subsidy provided on these items for both categories, separately;

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